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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENT AND THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION

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1. DURING THE CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER REPORTED REFTEL, THE SUBJECT TURNED TO THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO RUN AGAIN BUT HOPED THAT IN ANY EVENT THERE WOULD BE A REAL POLITICAL CONTEST IN MAY. HE DOUBTED THAT THE CURRENT EFFORTS OF THE OPPOSITION GROUPS TO UNITE WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL FOR HE THOUGHT THEY WERE TOO DISPARATE IN VIEW AND TOO COMPETITIVE AS PERSONALITIES. HE WAS QUITE DISDAINFUL OF BOSCH AND HAD NO EXPLANATION OTHER THAN BOSCH'S INSTABILITY FOR THE SPLIT IN THE PRD, A PARTY WHICH HE SAID HAD A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF ADHERENTS. HE DID NOT SEEM UNDULY SADDENED BY THE OPPOSITION'S STATE OF DISARRAY.

2. BALAGUER THOUGHT THAT IN ADDITION TO THE GOVERNMENT PARTIES (PR AND MNJ) THE MIDA, THE PRSC, POSSIBLY THE PRD UNDER PENA GOMEZ AND POSSIBLY A COUPLE OF SPLINTER PARTIES WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE MAY ELECTIONS. ALL MAY NOT HAVE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES, HE SAID, BUT MANY WERE INTERESTED IN WINNING SOME CONTESTS FOR MAYORS AND FOR THE CONGRESS.

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